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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF FIREARMS POLICY GUIDANCE STATEMENTS

REFS: (A) 75 STATE A-3319; (B) STATE 182779; (C) SINGAPORE 3741

1. POST'S PRESENT POLICY DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ISSUANCE OF FIRE-
ARMS TO INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS. IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SOCIAL/
POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN SINGAPORE, AS WELL AS THOSE WE ANTICIPATE
WILL EXIST IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, CHANCES ARE NEGLIGIBLE THAT
SITUATION HERE WOULD REACH A LEVEL REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF WEAPONS
TO INDIVIDUALS. POST BELIEVES, THEREFORE, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE
AT THIS TIME TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A NEW POLICY DESIGNED TO AN-
TICIPATE ALL POSSIBLE HYPOTHETICAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WEAPONS
MIGHT BE ISSUED. SHOULD LOCAL CONDITIONS CHANGE, OR SHOULD WE
ENVISION A POSSIBLE FUTURE CHANGE, POST WILL REASSESS ITS PRESENT
POLICY, MAKE MODIFICATIONS AS NECESSARY, AND NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT.

2. CONCERNING PRIVATE WEAPONS, CURRENT POLICY REQUIRES THAT NO
FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION BE SHIPPED TO POST WITHOUT PRIOR
APPROVAL BY CHIEF OF MISSION. FOR AT LEAST THE LAST FIVE
YEARS, NO USG PERSONNEL HAVE IMPORTED PRIVATE FIREARMS INTO
SINGAPORE.

3. FYI-AMBASSADOR CURRENTLY HAS AT HIS RESIDENCE, BUT DOES NOT
CARRY, ONE 38 CAL. PISTOL. THIS WEAPON IS KEPT IN A LOCKED,
TWO-DRAWER SAFE. ON OCCASION THE AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIES THE MSG
DETACHMENT TO THE RANGE FOR FAMILIARIZATION FIRING.

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